## Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, The FFA and agricultural education provide a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of the food, fiber, and natural resource systems; and,

Whereas, The FFA promotes premier leadership, personal growth, and career success among its members; and,

Whereas, Agricultural education and the FFA assure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing demands in the science, business, and technology of agriculture; and,

Whereas, The FFA motto – "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve" – gives direction of purpose to these students who take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and,

Whereas, The FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism, and cooperation:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 22-28, 2009, as

## FFA WEEK

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State